

The Acoustic Calendar



FESTIVALS

The following are not all Folk Festivals: some are Music Festivals, some are Family Festivals or Arts Festivals – but all contain at least elements that should be of interest to singers and acoustic musicians.

This file is updated as dates etc. become available.

2018

MAY

Monday 7th May to Thursday 21st June 2018:

Simonsbath: *Simonsbath Festival* (<http://www.simonsbathfestival.org.uk/joomla30/index.php>)

Friday 11th May to Sunday 13^h May 2018:

Dartmouth: *Dart Music Festival* (<http://www.dartmusicfestival.co.uk/>)

Saturday 19th May 2018:

Bradford on Avon: *Day of Dance & Music* (<http://www.boamorrisday.org>)

Saturday 19th May 2018:

Wadebridge: *Bodmin Folk Club's 50th Anniversary Folk Day*, Town Hall, The Platt PL27 7AG (01208 812643, www.bodminfolk.co.uk)

Friday 25th May to Sunday 27^h May 2018:

Lechlade: *Lechlade Music Festival*, Riverside Park (<http://lechldefestival.co.uk/>)

Friday 25th May to Monday 28th May 2018:

Bude: *Bude and Stratton Folk Festival* (www.budefolkfest.com/)

Friday 25th May to Monday 28th May 2018:

Chippenham: *Chippenham Folk Festival* (www.chippfolk.co.uk)

Friday 25th May to Saturday 3rd June 2018:

Exmouth: *Exmouth Festival* (Jeff Lewis: jeff.lewis58@yahoo.co.uk , Carla Hiley: 01395 276167, artsmanager@exmouth.gov.uk , www.exmouthfestival.org.uk)

“On the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of June, Exmouth Festival concludes with an extended West Country Traditions Weekend. Song sessions, music sessions,, performers tent, Local folk club events all in Exmouth.” Jeff

JUNE

Friday 1st June to Sunday 3rd June 2018:

Cheltenham: Wychwood Festival, Cheltenham Racecourse, Prestbury Park GL50 4SH
(<http://www.wychwoodfestival.com/>)

Friday 1st June to Sunday 3rd June 2018:

Morchurch Bishop (nr. Crediton): **Pennymoor Song & Ale**, The London Inn EX17 6NW (01363 877222; Sally Holland: 01363 85022, www.users.waitrose.com/~pennymoor)

“A weekend of singing and joviality. MUST BOOK IN ADVANCE. £15. Camping next to the pub.”

Friday 1st June to Sunday 3rd June 2018:

Kingsbridge: Kingsbridge Food & Music Festival, The Quay TQ7 1HS (01548 853195,
<http://www.kingsbridgefoodandmusic.org>,
<https://www.facebook.com/Kingsbridgefoodandmusic/>)

Saturday 2nd June to Sunday 3rd June 2018:

Weymouth: Wessex Folk Festival (<http://www.wessexfolkfestival.com/>)

Includes various pub sessions around the Old Harbour.

Friday 8th June to Sunday 10th June 2018:

Chilthorne Domer (nr. Yeovil): **Home Farm Fest & Music Festival**, Home Farm, Main Street BA22 8RD (<http://www.homefarmfest.co.uk/>)

Friday 8th June to Sunday 10th June 2018:

Wimborne : Wimborne Minster Folk Festival (<http://www.wimbornefolk.co.uk/>)

Saturday 9th June 2018:

Woodbury (nr. Exeter): **Wood(bury)stock – Blues, Roots & Folk Fair**, The Maltsters Arms,
Greenway EX5 1LN (01395 232218, <https://www.facebook.com/Woodburystock-The-Bluesbury-Festival-1403709756559617/timeline/>)

Midday till midnight.

Sunday 10th June 2018:

Muchelney (nr. Langport): **Green Scythe Fair**, Thorney Lakes (just south of Muchelney) TA10 0DW (www.greenfair.org.uk)

11am till 11pm. Live music.

Saturday 16th June 2018:

Rockhampton (nr. Thornbury): **Rockhampton Folk Festival** GL139DX
(<http://www.rockhamptonfolkfest.org.uk/>)

Saturday 16th June 2018:

South Petherton: Petherton FolkFest (chris8latham@gmail.com ,
<http://www.pethertonfolkfest.org.uk>)

Friday 22nd June to Sunday 24th June 2018:

Falmouth: Falmouth International Sea Shanty Festival (<http://www.falmouthseashanty.co.uk/>)

Friday 22nd June to Sunday 24th June 2018:

Little London (nr. Tadley): **Boar's Bridge Festival**, Boars Bridge House, Bramley Road
RG26 5EY (Lynne Whiteland: 01256 881674, 07557 366006, , info@boarsbridgefestival.co.uk ,

<http://www.boarsbridgefestival.co.uk/>)

Friday 22nd June to Sunday 24th June 2018:

Teignmouth: *Teignmouth Folk Festival* (www.teignmouthfolk.co.uk)

Monday 25th June to Sunday 1st July 2018

Keynsham: *Keysham Music Festival*, The Memorial Park BS31 3SG (info@keynshamfest.co.uk , www.keynshammusicfestival.co.uk/)

Includes pub sessions and open mics.

Friday 29th June to Sunday 1st July 2018:

Carhampton (nr. Minehead): *West Somerset Folk Festival*, Recreation Hall (Mike Dibble: 01643 841597, enquiries@westsomersefolkfestival.co.uk , www.westsomersefolkfestival.co.uk)

Events include singarounds, concert, workshops.

Saturday 30th June 2018:

Poole: *Folk on the Quay* (www.folkonthequay.co.uk/)

Includes sessions & workshops.

JULY

Wednesday 4th July to Sunday 8th July 2018:

Plaitford (nr. Romsey): *New Forest Folk Festival*, 2 Powells Farm SO51 6EE (Helen Curtis: 07717 154574, info@nfpp.com , <http://www.newforestfolkfestival.co.uk>)

Thursday 5th July to Sunday 8th July 2018:

Over (nr. Gloucester): *Barn on the Farm*, Over Farm GL2 8DB (info@bornonthefarm.co.uk , www.barnonthefarm.co.uk/)

Full Price: £105. “An acoustic festival for indie and contemporary music. Shortlisted for Best Independent Festival 2015. Best Small Festival.”

Friday 6th July to Saturday 7th July 2018:

Uffculm (nr. Cullompton): *Uffculme Music & Real Ale Festival 2017*, Magelake Pavilion, Culmstock Road EX15 3DP (Jim Clancy: 01884 840172, https://www.facebook.com/pg/Uffculmereale/about/?ref=page_internal)

7pm to midnight on Friday, 3pm to midnight on Saturday.

Friday 6th July to Sunday 8th July 2018:

Priddy (nr. Wells): *Priddy Folk Festival* (<http://www.priddyfolk.org/modx/>)

On & around the Green, free pub sessions & open mic.

Friday 6th July to Sunday 8th July 2018:

Sturminster Newton: *UK Boogie Woogie Festival* (<http://www.ukboogiewoogiefestival.co.uk>)

Wednesday 6th July to Friday 15th July 2018:

Frome: *Frome Festival* (<http://www.fromefestival.co.uk/>)

Saturday 7th July 2018:

Timsbury (nr. Bath): *Radford Folk Festival*, Radford Mill Farm, Radford BA2 0QF (01761 479391, pat@hillsidestudios.co.uk , <http://www.radfordfolkfestival.co.uk>)

Saturday 7th July 2018:

South Brent: Folk Day (0794 730 8268, <http://southbrentfolk.org.uk>)

Saturday 7th July 2018:

Timsbury (nr. Bath): Radford Festival of Contemporary Folk Music, Radford Mill Farm, Radford BA2 0QF (<http://www.radfordmillfarm.co.uk>)

Saturday 14th July 2018:

Romsey: Beggars Fair (www.beggarsfair.org.uk/)

Throughout the streets and in venues all around the town.

Monday 16th July to Sunday 22nd July 2018:

Milford on Sea (near Lyminster): Arts and Music Festival (<http://www.milfordfestival.org.uk/>)

Friday 20th July to Saturday 21st July 2018:

Whiddon Down (nr. Okehampton): Chagstock Festival EX20 (organiser@chagstock.info , www.chagstock.info/) Full Price: £90.

Friday 20th July to Sunday 22nd July 2018:

Bristol: Bristol Harbour Festival (0117 9276614, info@rem-events.com, <http://www.bristolharbourfestival.co.uk/>)

Friday 20th July to Sunday 22nd July 2018:

Tolpuddle (nr. Dorchester): Tolpuddle Martyrs' Festival DT2 7EH (<http://www.tolpuddlemartyrs.org.uk/index.php?page=martyr-s-festival>)

Friday 20th July to Sunday 22nd July 2018:

Wingfield (nr. Trowbridge): The Village Pump Festival, Stowford Manor Farm BA14 9LH (<http://www.villagepumpfolkfestival.co.uk>)

Friday 20th July to Sunday 29th July 2018:

Guiting Power (nr. Cheltenham): Guiting Music Festival, Church Rd. GL54 5TX (enquiries@guitingfestival.org , www.guitingfestival.org)

Thursday 26th July to Sunday 29th July 2018:

Malmesbury: Womad Charlton Park, Charlton Park Estate, Charlton Park SN16 9DG (01666 822146, info@womad.org , <http://womad.co.uk/>)

Friday 27th July to Saturday 28th July 2018:

Poole: Beer and Bluegrass Festival, Branksome BH12 1AD (<https://www.beerandbluegrass.co.uk/>)

Friday 27th July to Sunday 29th July 2018:

Bridport: Bridport Folk Festival (Ian, contact for dance: lauriancox@yahoo.co.uk ; Tim, contact for trade stalls: <https://www.bridportfolkfestival.com/events.html>) Music and dance – three open air stages plus three indoor venues – ceilidhs and workshops.

AUGUST

Thursday 2nd August to Sunday 5th August 2018:

Wickham (nr. Fareham): Wickham Festival (<http://www.wickhamfestival.co.uk/>)

Friday 3rd August to Friday 10th August 2018:
Sidmouth: Sidmouth Folkweek (<http://www.sidmouthfolkweek.co.uk/>)

Saturday 4th August to Wednesday 8th August 2018:
Salcombe Regis (nr. Sidmouth): **Sidmouth Fringe Sessions: McBuzz's Barn, Thorne Park Golf Centre EX10 0JH** (www.sidmouthfringe.co.uk/)

Thursday 9th August to Sunday 12th August 2018:
Winchester: Boomtown Behind the Mask, Matterley Estate SO21 1HW
(www.boomtownfair.co.uk/)

Friday 10th August to Sunday 12th August 2018:
South Zeal (nr. Okehampton): **Dartmoor Folk Festival** (<http://www.dartmoorfolkfestival.org.uk/> , <https://www.facebook.com/events/543453232515700/>)

Saturday 11th August to Sunday 19th August 2018:
Bath: Bath Folk Festival (<http://bathfolkfestival.org/>)

Thursday 16th August to Sunday 19th August 2018:
Corfe Castle (nr. Wareham): **Purbeck Valley Folk Festival, Purbeck Valley Farm, Valley Road, BH20 5HU** (www.purbeckfolk.co.uk)

Friday 17th August to Sunday 19th August 2018:
Ottery St. Mary: Beautiful Days, Escot Park EX11 1LT (info@beautifuldays.org, <http://www.beautifuldays.org>)

Friday 24th August to Sunday 26th August 2018:
Stroud: Stroud Fringe (info@stroudfringe.co.uk , stroudfringe.co.uk/)
Venues all over the town.

Friday 24th August to Sunday 26th August 2018:
Watchet: Watchet Music Festival, Parsonage Farm TA23 0HS (info@watchetfestival.co.uk , www.watchetfestival.co.uk)

Friday 24th August to Monday 27th August 2018:
Wadebridge: Cornwall Folk Festival (info@cornwallfolkfestival.com , www.cornwallfolkfestival.com/)
Various venues in the town.

Friday 31st August to Sunday 2nd September 2018:
Kemble (nr. Cirencester): **Didmarton Bluegrass Festival, Cotswold Airport (Kemble Airfield) GL7 6BQ** (didmarton-bluegrass.co.uk/)

Friday 31st August to Sunday 2nd September 2018:
Lyme Regis: Lyme Folk Weekend (<https://www.lymefolk.com/>)
Various venues throughout the town. Some sessions.

Friday 31st August to Sunday 2nd September 2018:
Verwood: The Wail (formerly Wareham Wail), Oakfield Farm, Horton Way BH31 6JJ
(<http://www.wail.org.uk/>)
Traditional singarounds.

SEPTEMBER

Friday 7th September to Sunday 9th September 2018:

Stogumber (nr. Taunton): **Stogumber Festival** TA4 3TA (0845 539 0168, <http://www.stogumberfestival.com/>)

Car park opposite Village Hall. *Saturday is Folk Day.*

Friday 7th September to Sunday 9th September 2018:

Swanage: Swanage Folk Festival (<http://swanagefolkfestival.com/>)

Saturday 8th September to Saturday 22nd September 2018:

St Ives: St Ives September Festival (secretary@stivesseptemberfestival.co.uk , www.stivesseptemberfestival.co.uk)

Various venues in the town.

Friday 14th September to Sunday 16th September 2018:

Priston (nr. Bath): **Priston Festival** (www.priston.org.uk/festival)

Saturday 15th September to Sunday 16th September 2018:

Wookey Hole: Wookstock (Wookey Hole Music Festival), Wookey Hole Club BA5 1BP (www.wookeholemusic.co.uk)

Friday 21st September to Monday 23rd September 2018:

Crantock (nr. Newquay): **Crantock Folk Festival**, The Old Albion Inn, Langurroc Rd. TR8 5RB (01637 830243)

Includes open sessions.

Friday 21st September to Monday 23rd September 2018:

Helston: The Little Big Gig, Henry's Campsite, The Lizard TR12 7NX (01326 290596, info@littlebiggig.co.uk , www.littlebiggig.co.uk)

Friday 21st September to Sunday 23rd September 2018:

Looe: Looe Music Festival (contact@looemusic.co.uk , www.looemusic.co.uk)

Various venues in the town.

Friday 21st September to Sunday 23rd September 2018:

Stroud: Stroud Folk Weekend (<http://www.stroudfolkfestival.co.uk/>)

Pub sessions.

OCTOBER

Thursday 4th October to Sunday 7th October 2018:

Swanage: The Swanage Blues Festival (<http://www.swanage-blues.org/>)

Friday 12th October to Sunday 14th October 2018:

Beer (nr. Seaton): **The Beer R & B Festival** (www.beerblues.co.uk)

Friday 12th October to Sunday 14th October 2018:

Bristol: *The Bristol Cajun & Zydeco Festival*, The Folk House, 40a Park Street BS1 5JG (<http://bristolcajunfestival.com/index.html>)

Friday 19th October to Sunday 21st October 2018:

Kilkhampton (nr. Bude): *Bude Folk Roots and World Music Festival*, Penstowe Park Holiday Village, Penstowe Rd, EX23 9QY (<http://www.budefolkfestival.co.uk/>)

Friday 26th October to Sunday 28th October 2018:

Okehampton: *Baring-Gould Folk Weekend* (www.baring-gould.co.uk)

NOVEMBER

Thursday 1st November to Sunday 4th November 2018:

Newquay: *Lowender Peran: Cornwall's International Celtic Festival* (www.lowenderperan.co.uk/)

Saturday 17th November 2018:

Nailsea: *Nailsea Festival of Music* (<http://www.nfom.org.uk/>)

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JANUARY

Friday 25th January to Sunday 27th January 2019:

Bude: *Bude Folk Club Winter Warmer*, The Falcon Hotel, Breakwater Road EX23 8SD (01288 352005, <https://www.sites.google.com/site/budefolk/festival-p/upcomingevents>)

“Sing-arounds, music sessions, workshops – whatever you would like! We take over the Falcon Hotel and a jolly, musical time is had by all. There are occasional walks, and sometimes the odd craft session too! You tell us what you would like. The weekend ends with a Folk Club on Sunday from 7.30pm to 10.30pm. You are welcome to dip in and out of sessions and events over the weekend.”

JUNE

Wednesday 26th June to Sunday 30th June 2019:

Pilton (nr. Shepton Mallet): *Glastonbury Festival*, Worthy Farm, Worthy Lane BA4 4BY (<http://www.glastonburyfestivals.co.uk/>)

(No festival in 2018)